



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

#1-P DECEMBER 20, 2011

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SECRETARY

Dear Supervisors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY AND CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR GRANTS TO THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LAND FOR THE
FITNESS ZONES AT SIX COUNTY PARKS AND THE
FITNESS ZONES AT MORGAN PARK PROJECTS
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ()
DISAPPROVE ()**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$150,000 in County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation and \$25,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Baldwin Park, available to the First District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for grants to the Trust for Public Land for the purchase of and installation of outdoor fitness courses at six County parks as well as at Morgan Park in the City of Baldwin Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15303 (e) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for the installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures.

2. Allocate \$150,000 in County Excess Funds to the County Department of Parks and Recreation, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for the Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project.
3. Allocate \$25,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Baldwin Park, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the Trust for Public Land for the Fitness Zone at Morgan Park Project.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to the Trust for Public Land for the Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project; and a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the Fitness Zone at Morgan Park Project; after both the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City of Baldwin Park assign the right to apply for the funds to the Trust for Public Land, respectively; if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$150,000 in County Excess Funds and \$25,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for grants to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project and the Fitness Zone at Morgan Park Project, respectively.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the City of Baldwin Park are eligible recipients of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition. DPR and the City of Baldwin Park will assign the right to apply for their respective funds to TPL.

The partnership between DPR and TPL has resulted in the successful completion of fitness zones within a narrow timeframe at many County parks and a reduced cost to the County. With the award of the 1996 Proposition grant funds, TPL is able to leverage private grant funds which provide 50 percent or more of a project's funding. Other State and Federal grant programs favor and encourage grant applicants to form partnerships of this kind which enhance DPR's grant opportunities.

There is also a significant advantage in having TPL complete the work, as they have established efficient work plans for this type of project and have sources for the desired type of signage that DPR's sign shop is not equipped to produce.

The proposed Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project consists of the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment courses, including site preparation, concrete curbing, and bilingual information signs at each of the following County parks: Valleydale Park, Avocado Heights Park, City Terrace Park, Saybrook Park, Allen J. Martin Park, and Bassett Park.

The proposed Fitness Zone at Morgan Park Project consists of the purchase and installation of an outdoor fitness equipment course, including site preparation, concrete curbing, and bilingual information signs at Morgan Park in the City of Baldwin Park.

The combined total cost estimate of the proposed projects is \$425,000. In addition to the recommended allocation of Excess Funds, TPL will utilize \$250,000 in private grant funds to complete the projects.

In a related item on today's agenda, DPR is recommending approval to assign the right to apply for the \$150,000 in County Excess Funds to TPL for the Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by increasing access to outdoor recreation in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate of \$425,000 for the proposed projects will be funded with the recommended \$150,000 in County Excess Funds and \$25,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, as well as \$250,000 in private grant funds awarded to TPL.

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$175,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. DPR and the City of Baldwin Park have each met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for County and Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by the RPOSD are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality

Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the proposed Fitness Zones at Six County Parks Project and the Fitness Zone at Morgan Park Project.

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from the CEQA according to Section 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects provide for the installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that TPL may proceed on the outdoor fitness courses projects in the First Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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WRO:LB

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors